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SUBJECT: LOMBARDIA AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE VISIT TO WASHINGTON

FEB. 18, 1975

PLEASE PASS MR. WERNER BRANDT, AA TO CONGRESSMAN THOMAS FOLEY
(WASH)

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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR READINESS ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR
DELEGATION AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE, LOMBARDY REGION TO MEET WITH
CONGRESSMAN FOLEY ON FEBRUARY 18. IDENTICAL REQUEST MADE OF
SENATOR TALMADGE.

2. GROUP TRAVELLING AT OWN EXPENSE TO OBSERVE US AGRICULTURAL
PRACTICES AND BEING PROGRAMMED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FAS, LARRY MCMILLAN AT EXT 76725, WITH WHOM VISIT MAY BE
COORDINATED.

3. IN VIEW OF GRADUAL TRANSFER OF GREATER AUTHORITY TO REGIONAL
GOVERNMENTS AND ENERGETIC CHARACTER OF THAT IN LOMBARDY, VISIT
BY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE POTENTIALLY OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE TO
US. NOT ONLY USE OF U.S. SEEDS, STOCK AND EQUIPMENT LIKELY TO
GROW, BUT LOMBARDY AGRICULTURE LONG TIME USER US FEED GRAINS
FOR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY WHICH EXPECTED TO EXPAND RAPIDLY.
MOREOVER, LOMBARDY FARM INTERESTS INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL
UPON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT POLICIES WITHIN EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IN
SENSE COMPLEMENTARY TO US AGRICULTURAL POLICY OBJECTIVES.

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FINALLY, DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE INFLUENTIAL LOMBARDY POLITICAL

LEADERS WHOSE ATTITUDES TOWARD US ON SUCH MATTERS AS ENERGY POLICY, TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, RELATIONS WITH USSR AND MIDDLE EAST ARE IMPORTANT IN INTERNAL POLITICAL BALANCE.

4. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE SENATOR CAN OFFER TO ENLIGHTEN DELEGATION ABOUT US POLICIES, ATTITUDES OF CONGRESS AND EVOLUTION OF US ECONOMY AND SOCIETY.

5. DELEGATION CONSISTS OF 11 MEMBERS HEADED BY ERNESTO VERCESI, CHAIRMAN, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT. OTHER MEMBERS ARE: ENEA ASINARI, COMMUNIST PARTY; FABIO SEMENZA, REPUBLICAN PARTY; GIOVANNI CHIAPPANI, COMMUNIST PARTY; LINO DEL DOSSO-AGOSTINELLI, COMMUNIST PARTY; NINO PISONI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; GIOVANNI RUFFINI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; GIANCARLO SIENA, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; GIUSEPPE GIULIANI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; MARIO CAMPAGNOLI, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT; LUIGI MARCHI, COMMUNIST PARTY.FINA

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